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For: ORTHOPEDIC FIXATION SYSTEM INCLUDING PLATE ELEMENT WITH THREADED HOLES HAVING DIVERGENT AXES

Enclosed are:

Sheets of Drawings X **Assignment Recordation Sheet** Assignments of Invention to: Hand Innovations, Inc. X Entitled to Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 X Declaration and Power of Attorney documents Preliminary Amendment and Remarks Other:

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